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## WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—  
Light rain or snow.

## THAT "100 MILES."

In an article booming the Nehalem-Tillamook railroad project the Oregonian recently outdid itself in the employment of every conceivable argument, specious, and otherwise, but it failed to make even a beggerly mention of the largest community indigenous to the territory to be invaded by that road, the city of Astoria. It did not fail, however, to notify the reading world that the country under consideration was "within one hundred miles of Portland." In the same issue it quoted from this paper as to the effort being made here to rouse the public sense of local progress, and caustically commented on that purpose. This is the normal backing that the lesser towns of the State of Oregon all get from the Oregonian; never a word of honest encouragement, never a line of generous expression of any sort; always and forever after the advantage that lies "within one hundred miles of Portland." Its loyalty to Portland is alright, it should never forget that duty for an instant, and it never does; but there is such a thing as "hogging", and to that level the big Portland sheet has come. It knows nothing of the smaller agencies of Oregon that are contributing to her growth, except as they shall make that contribution via the profit of the metropolis. Of course we are aware that these kicks are but laughed at in the "tall tower"; that the prestige of the Oregonian places it far beyond the reach of any small sheet in the outer, ex-Portland sphere; but it may count some, even in the exclusive and impregnable compass of that great paper, to know that it is cordially detested from one end of the state to the other, upon this hypothesis of "hog-gishness"; that while it is respected for its immense value and power, it is hated for its narrow and utterly selfish program, that can see no good thing beyond the limits of its own city and office. We are in the pony class certainly, and we look for nothing from the Oregonian but sneering abuse and snarling reprisal, but that is the measure of its notice of the outside press, anyhow, and we can stand our share of it. All the same, the Oregonian is following the wrong system and will continue to pursue it.

## SHOWDOWN ON RURAL ROUTES.

Postmaster-General Courtelyou in his report made public today outlines a policy of stricter adherence to the legal regulations of rural mail routes. Most important to rural route patrons is his intention to "discontinue without delay any route where it is found on inspection that because of a lack of appreciation of the service the expenditure involved is unwarranted," and the announcement that where patronage is insufficient to warrant a daily delivery substitution will be made of a every-other-day service. Not every route is

appreciative and too many patrons look upon the service as something to which they have the same general right as they have to receive mail at a post-office. The \$14,000,000 deficit has brought the government to the conclusion that there is little sense in spending the people's money on those who do not appreciate it.

## EDITORIAL SALAD.

Berlin's new census gives that town a population of 2,033, 000.

Soldiers are despised in China. They belong chiefly to the coolie classes.

Five hundred thousand persons are employed in basket making in Germany.

The value of the annual crop of peanuts in this country is about \$12, 000,000.

Men often miss opportunity's knock because they are themselves too busy "knocking."

One of the inventors reports that it will be impossible within a year for everybody to fly.

The most active center of railroad work during recent years has been the southern gulf states.

A report has reached the czar that the revolt in some parts of the country is serious. The cordon of misinformation provided for the emperor by the grand dukes must have sprung a loop-hole.

Missouri, which borders Iowa and Nebraska on the north, reaches far enough south to have produced 35,046 bales of cotton last season. The agricultural range of Missouri takes in the whole American list.

One of the candidates for mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a manufacturer of the far-famed "stogies" of the Smoky City. He thinks it appropriate that he should be its chief magistrate, and, to induce a similar belief among his one thousand employes he has raised their salaries and told them to "smoke up"—or words to that effect.

Secretary Taft recommends the enlargement of the military reserve at Fort Sill, Okla., to 140,000. The climate there will permit open air exercises the year round, and the general advantages are pronounced excellent. Uncle Sam is getting acquainted with the southwest.

When Missourians pay \$240,000 a year on the school certificates of indebtedness, formerly an asset in government bonds, they are soothed by the Democratic inventors of the certificates with an assurance that they are an endowment. It is a unique fiction, but calls for the same hard cash as other taxation.

England has found it advisable to exclude certain aliens, though more immigrants land in New York in a week than enter England as permanent residents in a year. In 1904 only 32,000 aliens arrived in England to remain. Australia enforces a reading test with aliens, and excludes all except the white race. By exacting more stringent regulations for newcomers, England shows that certain abuses connected with immigration compel new safeguards.

The government employees of Washington are, according to their own story, the most abused and maltreated individuals in the United States. They are compelled to work seven hours a day and they may be dismissed at any time that the head of the department discovers their incapacity for their work. Still these flagrant injustices do not result in any noticeable number of resignations and according to the annual report of the civil service commissioners 148,730 persons took the examination last year with the hopes of entering the ranks of the down-trodden.

Some scientist—Darwin, we think—in illustrating the struggle for existence going on in nature, made the statement that if all the eggs should hatch, the descendants of a single pair of codfish would in twenty-five years have a bulk greater than the earth.

Don't encourage that boy in his idea that he had enough schooling before he has finished a common high school course. Keep him going, even at the expense of some rather stringent urging. The successful man of the future must be an educated man. Things have changed since you were a boy and are changing more rapidly now than ever before. The chances for the plug man are disappearing so give your boy enough education to raise him out of that class.

## TO BUY STEAMERS

Japan Trying to Purchase Pacific Mail Line.

## MAKES HARRIMAN AN OFFER

The Trans-Pacific Mail Steamers consist of the Korea, Siberia, Mongolia, and Manchuria—Their Total Cost Being Ten Million Dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The Examiner says today:

A dispatch from Washington states that Consul-General Miller at Yokohama has informed the State Department that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese Steamship Company is negotiating to buy the trans-Pacific Line of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The dispatch then goes on to say that E. H. Harriman's recent visit to Japan may have had something to do with this proposition and that the Japanese government is behind the intended purchases.

R. P. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the company and personal representative of Mr. Harriman, in discussing the matter yesterday, said:

"It is not true that the Japanese government has made any offer to Mr. Harriman to buy the trans-Pacific steamer line of the Pacific Mail. It is true, however, that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha have made Mr. Harriman an offer and if Mr. Harriman was willing to sell today they would buy him out without the least hesitation. What Mr. Harriman's intention in the matter may be I do not pretend to know."

The trans-Pacific line of the Pacific Mail consisting of the steamers Korea, Siberia, Manchuria, and Mongolia. Their total cost to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in round numbers was \$10,000,000.

Managing Director M. Shirashi, of the Japanese Steamship Company is now on his way from Brazil to London and will probably arrive in New York early in March. The supposition is that he is empowered to finally discuss with Mr. Harriman the Japanese offer to buy out the trans-Pacific line of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

A local newspaper credits "the immortal William" with saying, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." That deep thinker, Bill Devery, was sure to get his rights some day.

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## NO COMPLAINTS IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—No complaints have reached the police authorities that forged municipal bonds originating in Cleveland, Ohio, have come into the possession of persons in this district.

The Boston office of the Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, has been closed since Wednesday and Charles E. Denison a member of the firm is supposed to be in Cleveland in connection with the failure of his company. The company did a considerable business in New England in the sale of municipal bonds. Mr. Denison had charge of the Boston office and spent most of his time there.

The Protestant churches of the world spent last year in foreign missionary efforts not quite \$17,000,000.

It is time to call attention to the fact that all those fellows in Massachusetts have so far missed the opportunity to congratulate the new Governor Guild on standing in ex-Governor Douglas's shoes.

The football discussion may be considered closed, now that a Harvard professor remarks confidently that some people need killing anyway.

For that matter, Mr. ex-Judge Parker has for some time been of the opinion that pretty much everybody isn't a Democrat any more.

Don't let your face grow old, shallow, hollow and wrinkled. If you care at all for beauty, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart, druggist.

## CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad  
Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburgh at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

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